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A PARALLEL DATABASE LOADING SYSTEM WITH MEMORY
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified
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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows: